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Joshua Mahoney
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 E Street
Fresno, CA 93706

Re: Comments regarding the tentative Order for E & B Natural Resources Management Corporation and Sherwood Hills, LLC

Dear Mr. Mahoney:

On behalf of Kern County Farm Bureau, we would like to express our support for the adoption of Order No. R5-2018-XXXX, which would establish waste discharge requirements for the water reclamation project proposed by E&B Natural Resources Management Corporation, Sherwood Hills, LLC, et al.

As identified in the tentative order, this project would provide tangible benefits to both the energy and agricultural industries, while supporting water management best practices. In addition to these benefits, the tentative order includes important safeguards to help assure the safety of the environment, human health and maintain water quality.

It is impossible to overstate the importance of identifying new sources of water to irrigate our crops, especially in drought-prone regions like the Central Valley and with the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Without the use of the drought proof water generated from this project, the farming of approximately 4,400 acres of agricultural land would not be possible.

We are in support of this project with the request to add to the order that the project will comply with the implementation of SGMA under the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

For these reasons and more, we urge the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) to adopt Order No. R5-2018-XXXX and approve this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catalino' followed by a stylized last name.

Catalino "Tito" Martinez
KCFB President